



# Farmington River Coordinating Committee

**FRCC Monthly Meeting**  
**7:00 PM, February 24, 2025**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Attendees:

Roger Behrens (Chair/Barkhamsted)	Laura Hart (FRWA)
Mario Santoro (Vice Chair/Barkhamsted)	Ciara Kilkenny (FRWA)
Matt Vinick (Treasurer/Canton)	Andrew Petitdemange (NPS)
Tom Carpenter (Secretary/FVTU)	Pete Arrestad (DEEP)
Dan Bowler (E&O Chair/Hartland)	Stephan Bastryzcki (River Stewards)
Alison Jassen (Resource Chair/Colebrook)	Torrey Collins (FRAA)
Tom Stanton (Colebrook)	
Alison Murdock (New Hartford)	

Japanese Knotweed Presentation was done by Christian Allyn prior to the official start of the meeting

The Knotweed Management Presentation recording can be found on the FRCC website

Roger Behrens called the meeting to order at 7:58 PM

## Prior Minutes

Pete Arrestad requested changes to the DEEP section of the minutes. Those changes will be made to the minutes

January 29, 2025 minutes were then approved by the full committee

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## Treasurer's Report

- Budget: No questions on the current budget

## Subcommittees

## Executive

### 2025-2026 Workplan

- The 2025-2026 Workplan was reviewed by the executive committee prior to the meeting
  - Federal limits for de-minimis charges have been increased from 10% to 15%

- During the meeting, a budget was presented to the full committee with both the 10% & 15% de-minimis charges
- The full committee vote to approve the 2025-2026 workplan as presented in the meeting
- Motion: Allison J.
- Second: Matt V.
- Vote: Unanimous

## Education and Outreach

### Quilt

- Planning a joint display of both quilts at the Kingswood School in West Hartford in September

### Monofilament Receptacles

- Awaiting delivery

### Publications

#### Map:

There is ongoing development of the map. Next working group meeting is 4pm on March 3

Posters have arrived –waiting on quote for roll-up banner design, ~\$220

### Outreach Events:

- River Rocks New Hartford, will be approaching soon regarding this event. June 21 at the Hurley property. They are requesting a grant for \$7,500, which will be reviewed by E&O. The River Stewards will attend the event
- River Stewards: Applications open now until end of March

## Resource

### Grants

- The town of Hartland has requested \$4,476 for the Natural Resources Inventory
  - Proposal distributed
  - Motion: Laura
  - Second: Dan
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: Unanimous
- Carole Cheah submitted a request for \$12,625 to continue treatment for HWA
  - Motion: Dan
  - Second: Andrew
  - Discussion: focused on how to monitor the effectiveness of the applications
  - Vote: Unanimous
- Carole Cheah submitted a grant request for \$1,500 to submit a peer-review journal publication about the HWA control in the Wild & Scenic stretches

- Motion: Laura
- Second: Dan
- Discussion: None
- Vote: Unanimous

## Culverts

- Ratlum Brook Culverts visit by FRWA & FVTU members

## New Business

- FRCC should be more proactive in making our activities known FRCC does in and around the river

## Town Updates

- Barkhamsted
  - Last minutes of planning & zoning, request 57 River Rd, for a contractor shop with outside storage. It will be raised in the March meeting
  - Roger – April 5<sup>th</sup> (time unknown) FALPS is going to have a dedication at soap stone quarry
- Canton: No Update
- Colebrook
  - Natural resource inventory
    - Still waiting for some of the invoices
    - Town committees to approve it, and then it will be printed
- Hartland: No Update
- New Hartford: No Update

## Organization Updates

- MDC: No Update
- CT DEEP:
  - Discussion on the reduction of the hatcheries budget
- NPS:
  - There have been staff reductions across NPS
- FRWA
  - Kaitlin Cole was hired as the FRWA Land Stewardship Coordinator and they will join resource stewardship subcommittee
- FRAA: No Update
- FVTU
  - Water quality station: installation to begin around the end of March.
  - Ratlum Brook culvert: mentioned above
  - Neonicotinoids Legislation: hearing held on 2/19/25. FVTU testified. FRAA & CFFA were co-signers
  - Frey property tree planting: scheduled for March 28 & 29

- TU Native Trout National Workgroup to meet 2/26/25
- River Steward: No Additional Updates

## Upcoming Meetings

- Next meeting dates
  - Full committee: Monday, March 17
  - Subcommittees:
    - Education & Outreach: March 3, 4:30pm
    - Resource Stewardship: March 5, 4:30

**Adjourn: 8:58 PM**